

DSS ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER FAMILY SUPPORT AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FSCWS-08-06

TO: County Directors of Social Services

ATTENTION: County Directors of Social Services

Work First Supervisors

DATE: June 29, 2006

**SUBJECT: Effect of Medicaid Citizenship Verification on
Work First**

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2006

I. BACKGROUND

The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA of 2005) which was enacted on February 8, 2006 mandates changes that will affect Medicaid applicants and recipients. This legislation requires that all applicants for and recipients of Medicaid must provide documentary evidence of citizenship and identity after July 1, 2006. Due to the linkage between the Work First and Medicaid programs, this mandate affects applicants and recipients of Work First.

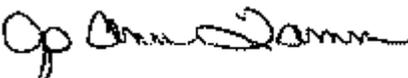
The DRA of 2005 requires outreach efforts to inform recipients and applicants of the upcoming requirement. Recent guidance from the federal government has changed from the original information that was shared regarding this mandate. As a result, amended policy and procedures are being researched and drafted by DMA. Full implementation of this new requirement is anticipated for September 1, 2006.

II. POLICY PROCEDURES

Under current Work First policy, unless questionable, a family's statement is accepted as verification of their citizenship status. As a result of DRA 2005 requirement for the Medicaid program, all applicants, and recipients of Work First must provide proof of citizenship and identity. Please refer to DMA Administrative Letter No. 04-06 dated June 29, 2006 for further information regarding this process.

<http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dma/>

If you have any questions, please contact your Work First Representative.

Sincerely, 

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